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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

John Rafferty 109 Wooded Acres Lane Downington, Pennsylvania 19335 Plaintiff,

Paige Harden 155 Field Point Road Greenwich, CT 06830

and Augustus H. Denis 1138 Third Street New Orleans, LA 70130-5631

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Plaintiff, John Rafferty, brings this personal injury action for injuries and damages suffered from an automobile accident which occurred on May 4, 2002 at Greycliff Hall, 2051 Commonwealth Avenue, Brighton, Massachusetts. The action is brought pursuant to this Court's diversity jurisdiction, 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a)(1), and is an Arbitration Matter in that the damages do not exceed \$150,000. For his Complaint, plaintiff alleges as follows:

The Parties

- Plaintiff, John Rafferty, is an adult individual residing at 109 Wooded Acres
 Lane, Downington, Pennsylvania 19335.
- 2. Defendant, Paige Harden, is an adult individual, citizen and resident of the City of Greenwich, State of Connecticut, and/or possibly a citizen and resident of City of New Orleans, District of Louisiana, and/or possibly a citizen and resident of the City of Brighton, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, residing at the above address.

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- 3. Defendant, Augustus H. Denis, is an adult individual, citizen and resident of the City of New Orleans, District of Louisiana residing at the above address.
- 4. On May 4, 2002, plaintiff, John Rafferty, was a pedestrian who was struck by a vehicle driven by defendant, Paige Harden.
- 5. On May 4, 2002, defendant, Paige Harden, did own, operate, possess and control a certain 2000 Volkswagen Jetta vehicle which was involved in the accident herein.
- 6. On May 4, 2002, it is further believed and averred that Augustus H. Denis negligently entrusted the vehicle on the date in question.

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- 7. Plaintiff, John Rafferty, hereby incorporates the averments of paragraphs one(1) through six (6) as though the same were more fully set forth at length.
- 8. On May 4, 2002, John Rafferty was a passenger on a bus owned and operated by Boston College University. Mr. Rafferty had just exited the bus at Greycliff Hall, 2051 Commonwealth Avenue, and while he was crossing the street in a prominently marked crosswalk, was violently struck by the motor vehicle operated by Defendant, Paige Harden. As a result of said collision, plaintiff, John Rafferty, sustained serious and permanent personal injuries, a serious impairment of a bodily function hereinafter more specifically set forth.
- 9. At the time and place aforesaid, the carelessness, recklessness and negligence of the defendant consisted of the following:
- (a) Operating the said motor vehicle at a rate of speed which was high and dangerous under the circumstances;
 - (b) Failing to have said motor vehicle under proper and adequate control;

- (c) Failing to give proper and sufficient notice of its approach;
- (d) Failing to exercise due care and caution under the circumstances;
- (e) Operating the said motor vehicle without due regard for the rights, safety and position of the plaintiff;
 - (f) Failing to keep a proper lookout under the circumstances;
- (g) Violating the various Ordinances and Laws of the City of Boston, and the Statutes of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pertaining to the operation and control of motor vehicles, specifically Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 89, Section 11;
 - (h) Violating the Assured Clear Distance Rule;
- 10. As a direct result of the carelessness, recklessness and negligence of the defendant as aforesaid, plaintiff, John Rafferty, sustained severe and permanent internal and external injuries in and about the head, body and limbs, and a severe and permanent shock to plaintiff's nerves and nervous system, as well as severe damages to his nerves and nervous system and other various ills and injuries as well as other serious orthopedic and neurological injuries, the full extent are not yet known, all of which have caused him and will continue to cause him great pain and agony, and have prevented him and will continue to prevent him in the future from attending to his daily duties, activities and occupation, all to plaintiff's great financial damage and loss.
- 11. Plaintiff, John Rafferty, avers that as a direct result of the carelessness, recklessness and negligence of the defendant as aforesaid, he has sustained injuries, as a result of which, he has been required and obliged to receive and undergo medical attention and care, and will incur various medical expenses, to which plaintiff is entitled to recover.

Bernhardt & Rothermel, P.C. 1515 Market Street • Suite 1540 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102 (215) 568-0100 12. As a result of the accident aforesaid, plaintiff, John Rafferty, has and will hereinafter incur additional financial expenses or losses, which will exceed amounts which plaintiff may otherwise be entitled to recover under the Pennsylvania Financial Responsibility Act.

13. As a direct result of the accident, plaintiff, John Rafferty, has and may suffer a severe loss of earnings and/or impairment of his earning capacity and power, which such loss of income and/or impairment of her earning capacity and power has or may exceed the sum recoverable under the limitations of the Pennsylvania Financial Responsibility Act.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff, John Rafferty, demands judgment against the defendant, Paige Harden, in an amount not in excess of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00), plus interest and costs.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARDT & ROTHERMEL, P.C.

Francis . Bernhardt, III, Esquire

Attorney for Plaintiff

VERIFICATION

The undersigned, having read the attached pleading/filing, verifies that the pleading/filing is based on information furnished to counsel, which information has been gathered by counsel in the course of this lawsuit. The language of the pleading/filing is that of counsel and not of signer. Signer verifies that he/she has read the within pleading/filing and that it is true and correct to the best of the signer's knowledge, information and belief. To the extent that the contents of the pleading/filing are that of counsel, verifier has relied upon counsel in taking this Verification.

This Verification is made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

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Defendants.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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On May 10, 2004, this office forwarded, via Certified (7003 2260 0007 6532 0238) and First Class Mail, a true and correct copy of the Notice of Lawsuit and Request for Waiver of Summons to Defendant, Augustus H. Denis at 1138 Third Street, New Orleans, LA 70130-5631.

The certified envelope came back marked that the Defendant had moved and gave his new address of: 718 Barracks Street, Apartment 1, New Orleans, LA 70116.

On *August 16, 2004*, via Certified (7003 3110 0000 0577 3964) and First Class Mail, a true and correct copy of the Notice of Lawsuit and Request for Waiver of Summons was again forwarded to Defendant, Augustus H. Denis. Neither the green certified card nor the regular envelope came back to our office.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNHARDT & ROTHERMEL

Dated:

August 24, 2004

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On May 10, 2004, this office forwarded, via Certified (7003 2260 0007 6532 0221) and First Class Mail, a true and correct copy of the Notice of Lawsuit and Request for Waiver of Summons to Defendant, Paige Harden at 155 Field Point Road, Greenwich, CT 066830.

The certified envelope came back marked Refused, that the Defendant no longer lived at the address. On May 14, 2004, this office received a telephone call from a gentleman who introduced himself as Russell Harden, father of defendant, Paige Harden. Mr. Harden advised this office of his daughter's address of: 344 St. Joseph Street, Apartment 320, New Orleans, LA 70130.

On June 14, 2004, via Certified (7003 1010 0001 7889 9031) and First Class Mail, a true and correct copy of the Notice of Lawsuit and Request for Waiver of Summons was again forwarded to Defendant, Paige Harden at the 344 St. Joseph Street, Apartment 320, New Orleans, LA 70130 address. A copy of the signed return receipt card is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit A.

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Respectfully submitted,

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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

TO THE PROTHONOTARY:

Kindly enter my appearance on behalf of Defendants, Paige Harden and Augustus H. Denis, only, in the above-captioned matter.

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JURY DEMAND

TO THE PROTHONOTARY:

Defendants, Paige Harden and Augustus H. Denis, hereby demand a trial by jury consisting of twelve (12) jurors.

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STIPULATION TO TRANSFER VENUE

It is hereby STIPULATED by and between the undersigned counsel for the parties that the above captioned matter shall be transferred to the United States District Court, District of Massachusetts, upon payment of your costs only.

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05/03/2004	9 1	COMPLAINT against AUGUSTUS H. DENIS, PAIGE HARDEN (Filing fee \$ 150 receipt number 904569.), filed by JOHN RAFFERTY.(ti,) (Entered: 05/04/2004)
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08/25/2004	• <u>2</u>	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE by JOHN RAFFERTY re: served by certified and first class mail, copy of the notice of lawsuit and request for waiver of summons to AUGUSTUS H. DENIS, ON 8/16/04 (GREEN CARD NOT ATTACHED) (ph,) Additional attachment(s) added on 9/28/2004 (mar,). (Entered: 08/26/2004)
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10/13/2004	3 <u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by KEVIN M. GEARY on behalf of AUGUSTUS H. DENIS, PAIGE HARDEN with Jury Demand (GEARY, KEVIN) (Entered: 10/13/2004)
11/17/2004	3 5	STIPULATION AND ORDER THAT THE MATTERE SHALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS. (SIGNED BY JUDGE THOMAS N. ONEILL JR. ON 11/17/04.) 11/17/04 ENTERED AND COPIES MAILED AND FAXED.(gn,) (Entered: 11/17/2004)
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